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Nacogdoches County and City Extend Stay Home, Stay Safe Orders to Echo Governor Abbott Orders

Due to the ongoing public health emergency related to COVID-19, Nacogdoches County and the City of Nacogdoches have amended their original disaster declarations.

The County's and City's simultaneous Stay Home, Stay Safe Orders were in effect March 30, 2020 through April 7, 2020. After the issuing of these orders, Texas Governor Greg Abbott issued a similar order effective April 2, 2020 through April 30, 2020. County and City orders remain in effect until rescinded, suspended or modified.

Both entities' disaster declarations have also been renewed in order to remain diligent and eligible for federal and state funding. These local orders make no changes to original guidance to limit travel to essential errands or businesses, but further refine the interpretation of essential businesses as stated in Governor Abbott's executive order issued March 31, 2020.

Although highly similar to local orders, State of Texas orders list that businesses not covered by one of the critical sectors identified by the Department of Homeland Security can apply for an "essential business" determination by the Texas Division of Emergency Management at tdem.texas.gov/essentialservices. Those critical infrastructures include:

1. Health Care/Public Health
2. Law Enforcement, Public Safety, First Responders
3. Food and Agriculture
4. Energy
5. Water and Wastewater
6. Transportation and Logistics
7. Public Works
8. Communications and Information Technology
9. Other Community-Based Government Operations and Essential Functions
10. Critical Manufacturing
11. Hazardous Materials
12. Financial Services
13. Chemical
14. Defense Industrial Base

Nacogdoches residents can continue to send questions regarding essential businesses and state-wide orders to info@nactx.us.



In regards to preventing the spread of COVID-19, it is now known that asymptomatic people, those with no significant symptoms, can unknowingly spread the virus to others in close contact, therefore 6-foot social distancing and good hygiene practices remain important to slowing the spread.

Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends wearing simple cloth masks in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies). Individuals need not use surgical masks or N-95 respirators as those are critical supplies reserved for healthcare workers and first responders.